

BRICKENDON

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Litter morning - 10am Sat March 24!

At this time of the year it's not only the snowdrops and daffodils that start emerging from the grass verges – but an incredible amount of assorted litter. And before it gets buried in the regrowth, once again we are asking for your help to clear it away.

Grips, day-glo waistcoats and black plastic bags are provided **from the car park on the Green** – bring your own (gardening)gloves. Sacks, once filled, are left along the road for collection. Volunteers are allocated a lane to clear which usually takes little more than an hour. The more volunteers the quicker it's done. Look forward to seeing you!

(Note, it's not really a job for children to help out with).

Parish Council Election

Are you on the Register of Electors at East Herts District Council? If in doubt, just to remind you the last day a person can be added to the register is 9th March - and you can't stand for election unless you are on the register

Are you concerned about local issues? Would you like to have a say in resolving them? Would you like to see a change in the way the present Parish Council operates or in its policies? Then you should consider standing for election as a Parish Councillor.

Brickendon Liberty Parish is represented by five Councillors whose term of office runs for four years. You have until 4th April to think about it. Polling day is on Thursday 3rd May.

If you'd like to know more about what's involved then have a chat with a current Councillor (see back page) or our Parish Council Clerk.

The final meeting of the current Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on 22nd March. Why not come along if you want to know more?

East of England Plan – draft report

We gave a brief synopsis of the above and its implications in the February Newsletter. The Parish Council will be objecting to the proposals and amendments. Even the Regional Assembly which drew up the Plan has withdrawn its endorsement and now labels it “neither sustainable nor deliverable”. Questions concerning infrastructure funding, water shortages, sewage treatment, overflying of site, the Green Belt, and rail congestion have never been answered.

An independent panel, sponsored by the Government recommended that proposals to build 20,000 houses in Harlow North should be removed from the plan. They've been ignored. If you wish to comment then you must do so

by 5pm on 9th March

Send comments to: Regional Planning Team, GO-East, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Rd, Cambridge, CB2 8DF

Focused Relaxation

Chrissy Stevens, from Fanshaws Lane, invites you to join her on Friday mornings from 10-11am, in the village hall, starting on 23rd March to take part in her '*Focused relaxation*' sessions. A wonderful way to improve concentration and ease tension – similar to, but not as physical as, yoga. So if you're feeling stressed, this could be for you.

Chrissy – has been running such classes for some years now - mainly with children. However, these classes are designed particularly for adults of all ages.

The fee is £5 per session (£3 concessions)

Further details from Chrissy on 01992 511495;

email/web: chrissy@kalm-kids.co.uk

'THE WOODMAN'

our 'local' at Wormley West End

The two Rob's (Rob Durrans, manager, and Rob Pullan, deputy manager) took over The Woodman last November together with the third member of the team, Rob D's wife Lisa - who is not much in evidence these days since she is expecting their first baby in August.

Already they've got three local residents running a very popular quiz night every Wednesday (eight teams of six) and the local Land Rover's Club is now based at the pub. All the food is home cooked, and sourced locally, no 'boil-in-the-bag' here they declared. Rob D does most of the cooking but both have their talents in the kitchen (Rob P's is soup!). Given warning, they are happy to cook your favourite dish even if it isn't on the menu, as well as meals with special dietary requirements. Two roasts are available on Sundays, as well as the usual bar snacks. Top price for a cooked meal is just under £9.

There's a separate smoking room until July when smoking in pubs will be banned altogether.

They're celebrating St George's Day too, as well as Mothering Sunday!

The Woodman telephone number: 01992 463719

St. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION!

Saturday 21 April, 7 for 7.30pm sit down
at Brickendon Grange Golf Club

Four years ago the village started a tradition by celebrating St George's Day together with Brickendon Grange Golf Club members. This year, we thought we might celebrate instead at The Farmers Boy pub. However, it would appear that most people preferred to stick with tradition and so we will again be joining the golf club members. A three course (English) meal will be served followed by coffee. There will be a choice of three dishes for each course at a cost of £18 per person.

Always a jolly (if somewhat raucous) evening with some form of entertainment, a quiz and so on.

(ideas from you always welcome!)

Don't miss it!

Let Mike King know if you would like to come (bearing in mind that we are limited to thirty seats). Mike will provide a menu nearer the time for you to choose your meal in advance. Telephone: 01992 511405,
3 Lower Hackets, (42) Brickendon Lane.

Brickendon Liberty Parish Plan

Every household with a child received an orange leaflet with the February Newsletter urging all children to complete it so that, as the next generation, their views and ideas could be included in the Plan. If you forgot to do it or hand it in – then please do so now!

*Alternatively, drop it in to Desne Boulton at 9
Brickendon Lane or Kvet Lunts at 10 West End Lane.*

Companies and local authorities are now being canvassed separately for their views on the problems or otherwise of providing services to Brickendon residents.

All the questionnaires, from those people who took the time and trouble to complete and return them have been assessed, categorised and pie charts etc drawn up. Thanks to the unremitting work of the Parish Plan team which meets weekly, we are well on course to meet target dates.

Classic Car enthusiasts

The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) based at Fanshaws, is holding its 5th Classic Car Show on 1st July in aid of charity. If you'd like to take part and display a car then contact John Morrish for details (h) 01279

435826;(w)01992 511521; email: johnm@motor.org.uk

Village Walks

We're putting our guided walks on hold until April when it will be less muddy underfoot and we'll have better weather – hopefully!

Brickendon Book Club

“The Number 1 Ladies Detective Agency” was a lightweight read, though very entertaining. If you've read *Birds without wings* by Louis de Bernieres, then do come along on 1st March and join in the discussion about it.

Future books are:

5th April *The Island* by Victoria Hislop;

3rd May *Portrait in Sepia* by Isabel Allende;

and 7th June *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult.

Meetings start at 8pm.

To find out where readings are being held and for further details, contact Sally Chandler 01992 479315.

'THE FARMERS BOY' CELEBRATION

Saturday 28 April, 7.30pm for 8pm sit down

Several people were disappointed that we were not going to the Farmer's Boy to celebrate St George's day, so we thought well why don't we celebrate at the Farmer's Boy *as well* but on the following Saturday, perhaps changing the celebration to that of Shakespeare's birthday?

Gary and Andy have put together an excellent choice of menu for the evening for only **£16 per person** as follows:

Crayfish Cocktail *or* Melon Fan & Berries
or Tomato & Basil Soup

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.Steak & Ale Pie *or* Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
or Vegetable Lasagne *or* Fisherman's Pie

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Trifle *or* Apple Pie *or* Crème Brulee
or Cheese and Biscuits

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Coffee and Petit fours

So if you would like to come along to The Farmers Boy for a fun social evening (perhaps as well as going to the Golf Club), then please let Beryl Scott Smith know as soon as possible (see back page for details).

Meanwhile The Farmers Boy has been 'honing' its menus over the last few weeks, trying out different foods and identifying customers' preferences. It's had its ups and downs – like not one but two ovens packing up in the middle of a Sunday lunch!

By the time you receive this Newsletter you could have a choice of three menus - a la carte, bar food, and a changing daily menu.

Gary and Andy appreciate feed back, so do let them know particularly if you've enjoyed a meal – or experienced a problem!

Farmers Boy telephone number: 01992 511610

The Gardening Club

7.30pm on 14th March

Neal Holmes-Smith, a keen horticulturist and lecturer with a wealth of knowledge on all aspects of gardening, has agreed to return to talk to us at our next meeting, so we are assured of a most informative evening.

The AGM took precedence in February. Martin Todd who has been our Chairman since we started, felt it was time for him to move on – we haven't lost him though as he agreed to undertake the duties of treasurer. Our new Chairman is Brian Chandler and his deputy is Kvet Lunts (could this be a WWE takeover bid?) Vickie Jackson has agreed to carry on as Secretary (she would be a particularly hard act to follow). Maureen Reed and Gordon Nicholls make up the team. Tribute was paid particularly to Martin and Vickie for all the work they have done over the years and a thank you to Graham Irwin, who had to give up the treasurership when meeting dates clashed with his Parish Clerk duties elsewhere. As promised, after the formal business was concluded, Morris Smith gave an entertaining illustrated resume, of his travel adventures throughout the world, this time, ostensibly as a bird watcher.

**Further details of gardening club activities from:
Vickey Jackson 01992 511303**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
& ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
will be held on Tuesday 15th May at
7.30pm.**

WELL GREEN COMMON

We expect to be advised of the date for the Court Hearing concerning the fencing around the Common within the next few weeks. The case is being closely followed by environmental groups throughout the country as the outcome is expected to set a precedent.

Mobile Library

Some people were confused last month to find that the mobile library was not on the Green car park but in a layby further down. So don't give up if you don't see it at first.

Have a good look for it. Do go along on

Tuesdays 6th and 20th March from 1.45 to 2.15pm

And remember it will be in the vicinity of Brickendon Green every other Tuesday after that.

The library is well stocked and the staff extremely helpful. You can even join on the spot. **There's also** an excellent selection of children's books.

More details from Michelle or Muriel on 01438 737333

www.hertsdirect.org/libraries

Table tennis

The regulars would welcome some new faces to join them for a few games on Tuesday evenings from 8 - 10pm. If you've only ever played on holiday and found it fun - come along to hone your skills and play with us.

For more details call Marion Todd on 01992 511497.

Snapshots of Brickendon!

We need some stunning photographs illustrating the very best of Brickendon Liberty Parish to illustrate the Parish Plan, a Parish Calendar for 2008 and for our website.

We would like everyone particularly to take a photo(s) on Sunday 6th May (or if raining) Sunday 13th May.

Other photos taken recently will be accepted.

There'll be prizes for the best ones used.

Photos should be sent in the first instance to

Beryl Scott Smith, Hill Cottage, 30 Brickendon Green

Welcome Isabella Jasmin!

A warm welcome to the latest newcomer to Brickendon. Isabella Jasmin, a bonny, bouncing (7lb and a bit) baby daughter, born on 15th February to proud parents Ben and Stephanie Stewart of Brickendon Lane. We hear that, not only is she cute, but very cuddly too!

Broxbourne Woods

Want to know more about what volunteer Wood Wardens do and how the woods are managed? Want to have a go at coppicing and making deer baskets? Then come along to Bencroft Wood West Car Park on 4th March from 10am-3.30pm for a 'Work with the woodwardens' day. *Wear sturdy footwear, old clothes, and wet weather gear. Tea and coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch if going all day - or just go along for an hour or so.*

Please ring beforehand to confirm the projects are going ahead as detailed Further information 01462 459395

Brickendon Petanque/Boules Club

11th & 25th March 9.30 - noon

The club is now a member of the Rhubarb league. New players are welcome whether experienced or not. A 'coaching day' with professionals has been organised for 1st April starting at 9.30am

So don't just think about it. Come along and have a go!

We'll even supply the boules.

Further details: John Lambie 01992 511551

Baby at Paradise Wildlife Park

Paradise Wildlife Park was thrilled at the birth of a healthy brazilian Tapir female calf at the end of January. She's extra special, not only because she's one of a threatened species but because her 7-year old parents have suffered three unsuccessful pregnancies. (*Tapirs are pregnant for up to 400 days!*) They are extremely sensitive and tribute has been paid to Yianna Christopoulos who cares for the family and has created a special bond with them.

CELTIC HARMONY CAMP

Join our Longbow Archery Club. Meets Saturdays and Sundays 9.30am to 1pm. Or come along and give a hand on Mondays and Thursdays. For details of the above and future activities contact 01438 718543 or log on

http://www.celticharmony.org/pages/family_courses.php

Harp, Song and Talk

Advance information - talented Harpist and raconteur Margaret Knight has, as promised following her last visit to the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban, agreed to entertain us for another of her enchanted evenings on 18th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 each and include wine and nibbles - there's only room for sixty people. All proceeds will go to the Chapel. To book and for further details please contact Margaret Hills at the Gate House, Hacketts, Brickendon Lane. Phone 01992 511302.

PARTIALLY SIGHTED?

Would you like a copy of the newsletter twice as large as this one?

Phone Beryl on 511617

Our MAX

Sadly, Max became very ill late in February and had to be put to rest. We will all miss the sight of him trotting obediently by the side of Dot or Jeff. Max was a very special border collie who was everyone's friend and a loved member of the Collins family.

They have our very sincere sympathy.

Village of the Year 2007

We've decided to take a year out from the competition this year and, instead, concentrate our efforts on the Parish Plan. Anyway, we've no room on our walls for any more plaques at the moment!

Sunday Services

at the Chapel of the Holy Cross and St Alban
Brickendon Lane

4 March 11am Parish Communion

18 March 11am Family Service

Rector: Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01707 875940

Services are usually held in the Chapel of the Holy Cross
and St Alban on the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month

Please report potholes directly to the Highways fault
reporting line on 01438 737320, make sure you are given
a number and note the date you reported it.

Local Service

Flamstead Cleaners will collect cleaning and laundry on
Mondays and return goods on the following Thursday or
Monday. Details: 01279 454514

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Archery Club at Celtic Harmony Camp. Sat & Sun 9.30-
1pm Details 01438718543 <http://www.celticharmony.org>

Bayford Friendly Club meets monthly on a Monday
2-4pm at Bayford Memorial Hall. Lifts can be arranged.
Details Beryl Callaby 511371

Bayford Jazz Club every 4th Friday 8.15pm at Bayford
Memorial Hall. Details John Softly 511254

Bayford Mother, Baby and Toddlers Group. Thursday
mornings (term time only) 9.15-11.15am at Bayford
Memorial Hall. Details Jane 511306 or Katie 511400

Brickendon Book Club 1st Thursday monthly
Details Sally Chandler 479315

Brickendon Petanque/Boules club 2nd & 4th Sunday
9.30am-12noon Details John Lambie 511551

Brickendon & District Gardening Club 2nd Wednesday
each month 7.45pm. Details Vickey Jackson 511303

Bridge Club Every Monday 7.30pm (numbers limited)
Details May Nicholls 466534

Easy Bridge Hertford meets in the village hall.
Details Paul Quayle 01992 589660

Broxbourne Woods Conservation Society
Details John Lucas 446107 or Les Adkins 440507

Celtic Harmony Camp in Bourne Wood. Details of open
days and activities from Clare or Luca on 01438 718543

Clinton-Baker Pinetum. Bayfordbury. Details of working
parties from Colin Metherill

Countryside Management Services (CMS)
Details 01462 459395

Five-a-side football Details Oliver Peters 511422

History Group Details John Lucas 446107

Parish Environmental Action Plan (PEAP) Details
Graham Irwin 511697

Parish Plan Preparing for the future of Brickendon
Liberty. Details John Lambie 511551

Table Tennis – Adults (Winter) Tuesday 8-10pm;
(Summer Thursdays) Details Marion Todd 511497

Tennis Courts to book and for keys contact Annie or
Mike Wallis 511304 (or Beryl Scott Smith 511617 if Annie
or Mike are unavailable)

Village Walk once a month around the environs of the
parish. Details Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Whist Drive 3rd Thursday every month 7.45pm. Details
Jean Retallick 511226

Woodman Land Rover Owners Club meets 1st Monday
Monthly at The Woodman pub, Wormley West End.
Details Julian Kotting (julian@globallandroversf9.co.uk)

To hire the Village Hall (Fanshaws Room)

or any equipment in it and for details call

Margaret Robertson on 01992 511582

USEFUL CONTACTS

Member of Parliament

Mark Prisk (Conservative) 01920 462182

Herts County Councillor

Mike Tucker (Conservative) 01920 464826

East Herts District Council

William Ashley (Conservative) 01992 511313

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Clerk John Ingham 01920 438280

Parish Councillors (until May 2007)

Chairman Graham Irwin 511697

Vice Chairman William Ashley 511313

Desné Boulton 511483; Ray Peters 511205;

Beryl Scott Smith 511617

Fanshaws Room Social Committee

Chairman Frank Harrison 511202

Secretary Mike King 511405

Treasurer Simon Ross 666336

William Ashley 511313; Brian Chandler 479315;

Ruby Oakes 511656; Jean Retallick 511226;

Margaret Robertson 511582; Beryl Scott Smith 511617

POLICE

Emergency call 999

General non-emergency call 0845 3300222

Neighbourhood Watch Organiser

Mike King 511405

Police Community Liaison Officers

PC Neal Dyton 533013

PCSO Karen Broad 533013

For non-emergency matters

ALWAYS call 0845 3300222

DIARY DATES

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| 1 | March | 8pm | Book Club |
| 9 | “ | 8pm | Bayford Jazz Club |
| 11 & 25 th | | 9.30am-12 | Boules/petanque |
| 14 | “ | 7.30pm | Gardening Club |
| 15 | “ | 7.45pm | Whist Drive |
| 17 | “ | | Pinetum working party |
| 22 | “ | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| 23 | “ | 10-11am | Focused Relaxation class |
| 21 | April | 7pm | St George's Day celebration |
| 28 | “ | 7.30pm | Farmers Boy celebration |
| 12 | May | 11.30-2pm | Car Boot Sale |
| 15 | “ | 7.30pm | Annual Parish meeting and Annual Council meeting |
| 18 | “ | 7.30pm | Margaret Knight Harp concert |
| 23 | June | 6.30pm | BBQ |
| 1 | July | 11am-4.30pm | IMI Classic Car Show |
| 2 | Sept | 11.30-4pm | Fete |
| 8 | Dec | 3-5 | Kids Christmas Party |
| 9 | “ | 12.30 for 1 | Christmas lunch |

Please send information for April 2007 Newsletter by 22nd

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